GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROJECTS UNDER INFORMAL EDUCATION .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects under Informal Education Scheme for which assistance was given by the Union Government to the Government of West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir during each of the last three years.

(b) whether any representation have been received by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide assistance to the Governments of West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir under the said scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Non-Formal education (NFE), the States of West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir were provided with financial assistance for running of Non-Formal education centres for `our-of school` children in the age-group 6-14 . This Scheme came to a close on 31.3.2001. While in Jammu & Kashmir financial assistance was provided, under the scheme, to the State Government as well as the Non-Governmental Organisations, in West Bengal financial assistance was provided onlyto the Non-Governmental Organisations.

The details of financial assistance given in the past three years in indicated below:-

Jammu & Kashmir

(State sector)

1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
151.91	30.38	63.80

(NGOs)

1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
13.13	9.64	18.79

West Bengal

(NGOs)

1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
138.44	131.37	196.69

(b) & (c) No representation regarding the functioning of the Non Formal Education Scheme had been received from the State Governments of West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir.

(d) & (e) A new scheme called `Education Guarantee Scheme & Alternative and Innovative Education` has been launched with effect

from 1st April, 2001 as part of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the benefit of `out of school` children after the conclusion of the earlier scheme of Non-Formal Education.This scheme envisages assistance for opening of EGScentres and Alternative and Innovative projects based on proposals recommended by State Government.

Under this scheme, a sum of Rs. 158.06 lakhs has already been sanctioned to Jammu & Kashmir for opening 2273 EGS centres in Jammu.

As the proposal received from the Government of West Bengal for opening 1130 EGS centres was incomplete, they were asked to furnish clarifications.